

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 12603 041859Z

66

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AGR-05 EB-07 COME-00 PA-01 PRS-01

USIA-06 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 /040 W

----- 096398

R 041527Z SEP 75

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4082

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSCOW 12603

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR/UR

SUBJECT: U.S. SUNFLOWER PRODUCTION/VEGETABLE OIL CONSUMPTION
TEAM

DEPT PASS AGRICULTURE FAS/HUME, MEEKER, KEATON AND ERS

1. TEAM HELD MEETINGS WITH MINAG/MIN. PROCUREMENT/ALL-UNION INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, AND VISITED A MARGARINE PROCESSING PLANT IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 2-4.
2. MINAG OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT SOIL MOISTURE AND PRECIPITATION IN SUNFLOWER AREAS THIS YEAR SPOTTY, AND VARIED CONSIDERABLY BETWEEN REGIONS. WHILE NO QUANTITATIVE ESTIMATE GIVEN, MINAG OFFICIALS STATED THAT CROP WOULD NOT BENEFIT FULLY FROM FERTILIZER USE AND IMPLIED YIELDS MAY BE LESS THAN DESIGNATED NORMS.
3. OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT FIVE PERCENT OF AREA WAS HARVESTED SEPTEMBER 1. PRESS STATEMENTS TODAY, SEPTEMBER 4, HOWEVER, INDICATED HARVEST WAS COMPLETED ON 16 PERCENT OF SOWN AREA.
4. MIN. PROCUREMENT DISCUSSION MUCH MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE CURRENT AND PLANNED SHORT-TERM PURCHASES OF SOYBEANS. STATEMENT MADE THAT MIN. PROCUREMENT PLANS TO PURCHASE 1.5 MILLION TONS OF SOYBEANS FOR 1975/76 CONSUMPTION YEAR, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON NEED TO FILL PROTEIN REQUIREMENTS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 12603 041859Z

5. WHEN QUESTIONED BY INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE WHY MEAL WAS NOT

CONSIDERED ALONE AS IMPORT NEED, OFFICIALS STATED THAT THE REQUEST FROM CLIENTS WAS FOR BOTH OIL AND MEAL.

6. IN DISCUSSION WITH MANAGEMENT OF MARGARINE PROCESSING PLANT, PLANT OFFICIAL STATED THAT SOYBEAN OIL WAS NOT GENERALLY USED FOR FOOD PURPOSES IN USSR. FURTHER DISCUSSION REVEALED THAT SOYBEAN OIL WAS PRIMARILY USED FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

7. TEAM DEPARTS FOR ODESSA SEPTEMBER 4.

8. COMMENT: POSITIVE STATEMENT OF SOYBEAN PURCHASES REPRESENTS CLOSEST POSITION OF FILLING FORWARD ESTIMATE REQUIRMENTS ATTACHE EXPERIENCED IN ALL PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH SOVIETS. TEAM WILL PURSUE TRADE QUESTION FURTHER DURING VISIT TO EXPORTKHLEB. STOESSEL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ITINERARY, MEETING DELEGATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 SEP 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975MOSCOW12603
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750306-0769
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750984/aaaacwkc.tel
Line Count: 76
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 JUN 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <12 JUN 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: U.S. SUNFLOWER PRODUCTION/VEGETABLE OIL CONSUMPTION TEAM
TAGS: EAGR, UR, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006